

# Use Soft Coal Here Soon, Woodin Warns

## Public to Learn How to Burn Bituminous Fuel Before Weather Is Severe

### Have Anthracite for Zero

#### Derides Report of 'Plot' to Sell Buckwheat, Hard Coal Production at Maximum

New York will have to come to the use of soft coal before the coal situation is relieved, according to William H. Woodin, State Fuel Administrator, who urged householders yesterday to acquaint themselves to the use of this fuel during the milder winter weather.

"The people of New York City," he said, "will have to buy and burn soft coal before we get through this shortage, and the time to buy it and learn how to use it properly is now while the weather is comparatively mild. Such supplies of anthracite as householders may have on hand should be saved for extremely cold weather."

Mr. Woodin made this statement in discussing the published report from the anthracite region that the coal operators were flooding the market with steam-size hard coal and that 90,000 tons of this coal is about to be shipped. He pointed out that stocks of steam-size anthracite or buckwheat, in its larger sizes are called, have been all but absorbed since the fuel administration issued its order directing the sale of 25 per cent substitutes with the investigation of the fuel administration for order for domestic size hard coal.

#### "Buckwheat" Supply Almost Gone

"To rapidly have the stocks of buckwheat bought up that within two or three weeks even this coal will be difficult to get," Mr. Woodin said. "Other states are beginning to recognize the fact that the coal situation in New York is the most satisfactory and that burning substitute for domestic anthracite and are using it extensively. If there are 90,000 tons of buckwheat in the anthracite region, God speed it. It is because we need it."

The charge that the anthracite operators were pushing the production of buckwheat rather than domestic anthracite because of the opportunity for increased profits is not borne out by the investigation of the fuel administration. Mr. Woodin said that as a result of his inquiry he was convinced that domestic anthracite production is at its maximum. He pointed out that shipments have far exceeded any previous record.

#### Ridicules Coal Baron "Plot"

"As a matter of fact," he added, "I don't agree with the popular conception of the coal baron which the public has. I don't think they sit up nights hatching base plots, as the report of the alleged conspiracy to flood the market with buckwheat to the public would have people believe."

These familiar with the coal trade generally are of the opinion that the anthracite operators are making almost superhuman efforts to rush coal to the market to their regular markets. They point out that the great fear among the anthracite producers has always been that the big centers in the East like New York would become accustomed to the use of soft coal and would come to rely exclusively due to the lower cost. If bituminous should supplant anthracite in New York City alone it would mean a loss to the hard coal trade of a customer for more than 10 per cent of the entire output of the industry.

#### Is the Specter which it is said

anthracite producers have before them constantly. The loss involved in the present shortage is unimportant when compared with the loss which they will suffer if the householders here, forced to the use of soft coal at this time, continue to use it when normal conditions again prevail. Several of the large utilities corporations are expected to have turned from the use of steam-size anthracite to soft coal during the last few months and, having made the necessary changes in boiler equipment and installed smoke eliminators, are expected to continue its use hereafter.

#### Coal for the Poor a Problem

Providing coal for the congested and poorer sections of the city is still the problem on which the fuel administration is centering most of its attention. Arthur S. Lennox, district administrator for greater New York, announced yesterday that 25,000 tons of coal will be distributed at no cost on its way for distribution at the fifty-one emergency stations.

Mayor Ryan announced yesterday the donation of 1,000 bags of coal for the poor by the Wyoming Valley Coal Company of Brooklyn. Orders for the fuel will be turned by the Mayor's committee of women.

#### Really Men Resolve To Protest Penalties

##### Association's Statement, Sent to Aldermen, Blames the Coal Dealers for Cold Apartments

The Real Estate Owners' Protective Association made public the following resolution last night which is to be presented to the Board of Aldermen at the next meeting:

"Whereas, it is a matter of public knowledge that a coal shortage exists at the present time, and that consumers are in a difficult or impossible position to obtain proper and adequate fuel, and

"Whereas, it is also a matter of general knowledge that coal dealers are reserving the limited amount of coal they may obtain for their own customers and are refusing to supply proper coal and other necessities to the public, and

"Whereas, the coal announced in the public press as being made available for the relief of the emergency is intended for the relief of the poor, is supplied only in small amounts and is not sold to property owners, who require substantial quantities; and

"Whereas, a disposition has been shown on the part of certain magistrates of the City of New York to disregard in cases arising under Section 240 of the Penal Code the fact that owners, who are diligent, have been unable to obtain proper coal, to refuse to give explanations of extenuating circumstances and to rebuke, reprimand and threaten to or impose fines upon respectable citizens and taxpayers who have always dealt fairly with their agents, despite the fact that through a fault of theirs they have been un-

# British Skipper Fined Under U. S. Dry Rule

## NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 22.—

Captain J. L. Williams, master of the British steamship Berwindale, was fined \$492 by the collector of the port to-day for violating the American prohibition laws.

This is the first captain of a foreign ship to be fined at this port for failing to obey the dry ruling of Attorney General Daugherty forbidding alien craft from entering American waters with whisky on board.

Federal officers raided the Berwindale early to-day and found twenty cases of whisky on board. Each case was opened and the contents counted. There were 246 bottles of whisky and the port collector imposed a fine of \$2 for each bottle. The whisky was taken off the ship and stored in the custom house.

successful in their efforts to obtain an adequate supply of coal and

"Whereas, such conduct on the part of any magistrate is repugnant to the equitable administration of justice and contrary to the spirit of the law, and results in great hardship to and humiliation of property owners and taxpayers; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the Real Estate Owners' Protective Association, an organization existing for many years in existence and composed of taxpayers in the City of New York and owners of dwellings and apartment houses, respectfully petition the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York for the adoption of a resolution by your honorable board recommending to the magistrates of the City of New York:

"The subpena and examination, before imposition of penalty under Section 240 of the Penal Code, of such dealers as may have refused or failed to fill orders for coal given by a defendant property owner.

"The consideration in cases arising under the above section of the question whether failure to furnish heat is due to the fault of the owner or arises from causes beyond his control.

"The withholding of penalties or censure in all instances where the evidence discloses that, with due diligence, the owner has been unable to secure an adequate supply of coal.

"Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President and Board of Aldermen, the Mayor of the City of New York and to the press."

# Harding Pardons Three Long-Term Prisoners

## Texas, an Overseas Disabled Veteran and a Canadian Get Sentences Commuted

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The doors of Federal prisons were ordered opened by President Harding to-day for the release at Christmas time of three men serving long sentences for violation of Federal laws.

The three prisoners whose sentences were commuted were Thomas Parker, convicted of manslaughter in Texas and serving a five-year sentence; John Willard Delaney, a disabled overseas veteran, sentenced in California on a charge of conspiracy to forge, and John Carl, a Canadian, sentenced in Alaska for second degree murder. Delaney is to be released on December 24 and the others on Christmas Day.

It was indicated that other cases had been recommended to President Harding officially for inclusion in the Christmas clemency list and that action on one or more of these might be expected before Christmas Day.

# Says Dry Chief Labels Him

## Hitchcock Calls Anderson's Letter to Daugherty Untrue

United States Commissioner Samuel M. Hitchcock said in a statement yesterday that he had been libeled in a letter written to Attorney General Daugherty, by William H. Anderson, state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League. In the letter Mr. Anderson charged that all Mr. Daugherty's troubles were due to his prohibition attitude and criticized Court Attorney William Hayward, declaring they had been lax in handling prohibition enforcement cases. In reply Commissioner Hitchcock said:

"The communication is libelous. The anti-prohibition attitude attributed to me in the letter is not true. Since last January I have issued 1,107 Volstead act search warrants and I have held thousands of alleged liquor offenders for prosecution in the Federal courts."

Colonel Hayward refused to comment.

# Olivia Stone Asks Chance

## Woman Freed of Murder Wants to Return to Nursing

CINCINNATI, Dec. 22.—Miss Olivia Stone, who was freed a few months ago after a sensational trial for the killing of Ellis D. Kinkaid in Brooklyn, arrived here to-day prepared to fight, if necessary, to obtain a nurse's certificate from the General Hospital in order that she may go back to New York City, where she was a nurse and practitioner before her conviction.

She was nervous and shaken and appeared ill, as a result of poison taken recently in New York with the hope of ending her life.

"I was at the end of my rope," she explained. "Nothing is the only profession for which I am fitted. I tried other things. Since leaving prison I have worked as a waitress, at a counter in a 10-cent store and as a mother's helper in a Chinese family. All I want is a chance to work at my profession."

It is understood Miss Stone will be granted a certificate.

# Tea Store Robbed of \$129

## Bandit Locks Up Manager and Clerk in Brooklyn

The Atlantic and Pacific Tea Store at 254 Tompkins Avenue, Brooklyn, took in \$129 in cash yesterday. Last night an unidentified armed bandit took the \$129 away.

Morris Rosenberg, of 341 Pennsylvania Avenue, and John Walker, of 935 Lafayette Avenue, manager and clerk in the store, were forced into a back room at the point of a knife by the bandit, who turned the key on the men and made a clean getaway.

# Labor Party Gains Five Seats in Australian House

## MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 22.—

Labor has made further gains in the general elections of last Saturday, according to revised figures given out to-day. The tabulations showing there will be twenty-nine labor members in the Federal House of Representatives. This is an increase of five over labor's representation in the last House.

The Nationalist, Premier Hughes' party, has twenty-nine seats, while the Liberals and Country party combined have nineteen.

# Rum Ships Hope Seaplanes Will Foil Dry Navy

## Zone Chief Appleby Says It Is the Last Resort, Since Vessels Cannot Run Ambrose Channel Blockade

### Sure Effort Will Fail

#### Quantity of Cargo Too Small to Warrant Risk of Seizing Air Smugglers

Now that the prohibition navy has made rum running by sea speculative, if not a dangerous venture, the commanders of the liquor fleet, held up by the Ambrose Channel, have decided to try going over the blockade instead of through it. Zone Chief John D. Appleby announced last night. Thirteen seaplanes, he said, are being overhauled in Long Island factories for use in bringing in the city's liquor supply from the Bahamas.

Mr. Appleby made his announcement with an air of omniscience worthy of Lightnin' Bill Jones at his best, to which he added a second announcement that he was ready for the problem which will confront the enforcement staff when it finds some 10,000 square miles or more of back country added to the littoral which they have just succeeded in making impervious.

The zone chief said the high of the steps he has taken beyond announcing that six more agents have just been assigned to Long Island, nor did he say that there was no foundation for the rumors which have been spread since last summer that seaplanes already have been used in rum running with such success that even the results of their activities have been unknown to the authorities.

Zone Chief Confident

Apparently Mr. Appleby drew much of his confidence from the implied mission of the rum runners that he had been too much for them on the sea and from the small return which would follow a successful smuggling exploit through the air.

"A \$10,000 plane could only bring in seventy-five cases a trip in the best of weather, a cargo less valuable than the machine which would be risked," he said. "In bad weather, when the danger of detection would be so much less and when the planes would probably do most of their work, they could only carry twenty-five cases or so, a quantity which would hardly be worth the risk. This plan is a last resort."

"They had no other alternative," he replied, "except to return to the Bahamas. The seizure of the Squalito and her \$500,000 cargo established the folly of trying to get through the blockade, and it is out of the question for the fleet to remain standing in the Ambrose Channel."

Mr. Appleby had nothing to say about the success of his men in catching the pirates on their way to shore.

# Ten Dry Agents Chase Bootlegger Suspects

## Engage in 7-Mile Running Roller Fight With Men Fleeing in Two Cars in Jersey

Ten Federal prohibition agents engaged in a running gun fight with seven bootlegger suspects in Newark early yesterday. All except one of the quarry escaped. The chase continued for six or seven miles. Several shots were fired.

The suspects were in two automobiles. One machine was occupied by two men, one of whom jumped while the car was running at a rate of about thirty miles an hour.

The agents had raided twelve places in Kearny and Red Bank. They were entering the saloon of John J. O'Keefe, at 27 West Front Street, Red Bank, when they noticed a sedan standing in front of the place. They searched it and found twelve bottles of whisky. They stood by and waited for the operator of the car to return. After questioning the man, they admitted owning the car. The agents seized both the car and the whisky and rode away toward South Amboy.

They stopped at that town to eat, and while they were in the restaurant, they charged the sedan and another auto were taken by the bootlegger suspects, who escaped. The car in which the agents had been riding was left and the agents jumped into this and gave the chase.

As the pursuers drew near, after a seven-mile chase, the fleeing men fired several shots. One of the bullets smashed the windshield of the agents' auto and grazed the knee of Agent William O'Keefe, the lead of the chase.

One of the cars escaped. The second was overtaken after one of its occupants had jumped. In the car were forty-eight cases of whisky. The man arrested gave his name as Charles Grimsdale, of 100 Broome Street, Newark. He said he had been hired to drive the car and knew nothing of its contents. He said he believed the pursuers were hold-up men and so fled.

# Dry Agents Raid 'Dinty's'

## Third Time in 2 Weeks Charge They Found Wines, Whisky, Vermouth and Cordials in West Side Restaurant

James ("Dinty") Moore, proprietor of a restaurant at 216 West Forty-sixth Street, in again. His restaurant was raided for the third time in two weeks yesterday. Prohibition agents averred they had found fifty-three cases of wines, eleven bottles of whisky, three cases of vermouth and three cases of cordial in the place. The agents had always been returned to Mr. Moore by court order.

Magistrate Peter A. Hattig, sitting on the last charge, held Moore yesterday in \$500 bail for examination December 28.

Alleged attaches of "The Tent," a cabaret raided Thursday night, were arraigned before United States Commissioner S. M. Hitchcock yesterday and held in \$500 bond which was furnished by Julius Green and Esterio Tognoni, the accused.

Legal proceedings seeking an injunction under the one year closing clause of the Volstead act was begun immediately against the premises by Gus J. Simons, acting chief state enforcement officer. Mr. Simons said:

"The owners of 'The Tent' were cited to show cause why their place should not be promptly and permanently closed as a public nuisance."

# Chicago Horses to Have A Christmas Oat Line

## CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Hungry

horses as well as hungry people are to be cared for in Chicago this Christmas, Dr. H. J. Streibert, superintendent of the anti-cruelty society, announced to-day.

An "Oat Line" for horses will be formed to-morrow, he said, and one hundred bushels of oats will be given to horses whose owners are not able to provide them with sufficient feed.

# Spirit of Charity Mantles City As Christmas Tree Blossoms

## Laughter of Children Fills Hospital Wards, With St. Nick on Job Early; Salvation Army Begins Distribution of 25,000 Dinners to Needy Families

Simultaneous outbursts of Christmas spirit made themselves felt all over the city yesterday in the form of public addresses, community singing, tree lighting and the presentations of food and gifts by charitable organizations.

Countless parties in orphan asylums and hospitals, given by known and unknown benefactors, supplied the sick and crippled children with Christmas toys. In Bellevue the children's wards and a few of the adult divisions reflected the gay colors thrown off by the Christmas tree. Through the generosity of hundreds of contributors presents were distributed throughout the whole hospital.

In Lincoln Hospital, Lebanon Hospital, the New York Diet Kitchen and several other day nurseries, stockings and candy were distributed to the children attending Wadsworth High School, were given to 2,500 children.

Baskets Are Distributed

Baskets of food for Christmas dinners were distributed by the Knights of Columbus yesterday. August Janssen, host and owner of the Hofbrau on Broadway, supplied more than 600 families with Christmas dinners. Vincent Aster has given 5,000 dinner baskets to the Welfare Bureau of Bellevue Hospital.

A jazz band of call boys from J. P. Morgan & Co. played for orphans and widows of seamen at a celebration in the Maritime Exchange yesterday afternoon.

Ralph Peters, president of the Long Island Railroad, held his annual Christmas reception for the employees of the road in the Long Island City Terminal yesterday. The affair was informal. The employees shook the hand of their veteran chief, who will be retired next year under the rules, which require that a man must be seventy years of age before he can be discharged. The women guests were given boxes of candy and the men cigars.

Trees were lighted in various parts of the city last night, beginning as far downtown as Bowling Green, where the tree was the gift of financiers.

Greenwich Village's tree was lighted for the benefit of disabled veterans and the illuminating of the tree in Sheridan Square was followed by a musical program. The Greenwich Village Historical Society donated the tree.

Copeland Issues Plea

In spite of all that has been promised to the children of hospitals and other institutions, Health Commissioner Copeland issued an appeal last night for help in making the youngsters happy on Christmas Day. The number in the public institutions is large but the children are not happy. There was still danger that some would fare but scantily from Santa's pack.

Three fleets, including more than one hundred privately owned automobiles, will begin delivery this morning of 25,000 Christmas dinners to needy families in greater New York. The materials in each consignment are packed in containers. Each container is addressed to a consignee, whose address and requirements have been met in its contents.

Manhattan deliveries will be from territorial headquarters, 123 West Fourth Street. Those for Hudson County will start from 103 East 130th Street, and those for Brooklyn from the Salvation Army social center, 128 Raymond Street, Brooklyn. Deliveries in all three districts are expected to continue until Christmas eve.

Consolidator Thomas Estill said last night he hoped to receive additional offers of private automobiles for delivery of Salvation Army dinners.

Three hundred children, convalescents and former patients, who are entertained at the Broad Street Hospital yesterday at a Christmas party given on the ground floor and the Theodore Roosevelt ward of the hospital. The children were given 1,000 gifts. A jazz orchestra played. The hosts and hostesses were Dr. A. J. Baker Savage and the staff of physicians, together with Miss Mary Montague, assistant superintendent, and Miss M. Morrison, superintendent of the X-ray department.

# Last Christmas Liner From Europe Due To-day

## George Washington to Dock at Hoboken With Capacity List of Passengers

The last of the large trans-Atlantic liners to arrive in this country in time for passengers to pass Christmas here will be the George Washington, of the United States Line, expected to dock at her Hoboken pier about noon to-day. The vessel is carrying a capacity list of passengers from Bremen, Cherbourg and Southampton.

Senator Medill McCormick, of Illinois, who has been abroad for several weeks making a survey of conditions in Europe, and Mrs. McCormick and Dr. and Mrs. Richard Denby, formerly Miss Ethel Roosevelt, returning from a visit to Ambassador Herrick in Paris, are among the passengers on the George Washington.

Eugene Gottlieb, one of the conductors of the Wagnerian orchestra which will be heard at the Metropolitan Opera House in February, is another voyager. Others on the liner are Alfred Frankenthaler, a New York attorney, who has been in Germany in reference to the settlement of the claims of the Teufelberg interests against the United States, and Mrs. Frankenthaler; General Clarence C. Williams, Peter A. Jay, American Ambassador to Rumania, and Mrs. Jay; Mrs. Henry Herberman, wife of the head of the Export Steamship Corporation; G. H. S. Hollister, former superintendent of the ship construction plant at Hog Island, and Carl Wallis von Helldorf, director North German Lloyd Steamship Company.

# No Christmas Tips for Messengers, Says W. U.

This being the season of good will toward men and all the rest of it, joyful messages of Yuletide cheer are being sent by wire all over the world. Christmas is a great institution for those who own stock in the telegraph companies.

One of the gladdest messages reached The Tribune last night. It read:

"The Western Union Telegraph Company announces that the solicitation of Christmas gratuities by messengers or others is strictly prohibited. The company will appreciate reports of any infraction of this rule."

The next time a leaf-frozen mercury wags the Western Union label comes to your house you know what to do.

It should be fully understood, however, that this is just a Western Union letter and not an amendment to the Constitution. If some kindly urge prompts you to hand the kid a dime they can't send you to jail for it.

# Fire Empties Apartments

## Theater Folk Flee Blaze That Does \$25,000 Damage

Defective insulation, according to the police, caused the fire in the twelve-story apartment house, at 840 Seventh Avenue early yesterday which did \$25,000 damage in the apartment of Walter J. Kingsley, publicity representative of the Keith vaudeville circuit, and drove from their apartments many members of the theatrical profession among whom were Conway Tearle and Adele Rowland.

Mr. Kingsley said he was aroused by smoke in his bedroom and found a brick fire in his library, which contains a valuable gallery of 300 portraits collected by him in the last twelve years. Among the first editions damaged or destroyed was one of Oscar Wilde. Excited tenants were taken to the ground floor by two negro elevator operators. The fire was put out in a large hall by the firemen.

# Consignors Win Suit

## \$12,842 Worth of Watches Are Lost in Transit Through City

F. H. Keelson, head of a 'trucking firm, was held responsible in Queens court yesterday for the disappearance of a valuable consignment of gold and platinum wrist watches shipped from Paris, and the jury awarded the European Watch and Clock Company, the consignors, a verdict of \$12,842.61.

It was shown that the package containing the watches had been turned over to the trucking concern here carefully wrapped and sealed by the company. When it was delivered to the New York office of the watch company it was discovered that the package contained nothing but a few watch crystals and some paving brick. The Keelson company contested the action, claiming that the substitution had been made before the package was turned over to them.

# City Prodigals Answer Call to Old Home Town

## Largest Holiday Crowd Ever Seen by Railroad Men Here Throgs Terminals in Year-End Exodus

### Dozens of Extra Trains

#### Local Transportation Mediums Put to Severe Test by Belated Gift Buyers

Christmas travelers swept away all records yesterday when they began the holiday exodus from New York. Equipped with all kinds of bundles, they were easily distinguished from those who travel armed with the black leather oblong of the salesman. Their arms were full of paper-wrapped sleds, tissue paper-covered candy boxes and little packages that might have held anything from mittens to shaving brushes. They went not singly but in groups of varied ages, whole families leaving home to have their Christmas dinners with out-of-town relatives.

Hundreds of thousands of them crowded the Grand Central Terminal and the Pennsylvania Station yesterday. Dozens of extra trains and nearly 200 additional Pullmans were put into service to meet what railroad officials said was the largest holiday crowd in the history of the roads. Visitors to New York have been arriving in the same record-breaking numbers.

# Local Trains the Favorites

To-day will be the day of the small town a week-end distance from Manhattan. Up-state villages with names that only the inhabitants know how to pronounce will be crowded with returning "home folks." The trains that make local stops along the way will be the favorites over-expressed.

Most offices and stores, except those which must accommodate the rush of last-minute Christmas shoppers, will close at 12 o'clock to-day, and shortly after the railway terminals will again be jammed with a package-laden mob. The crowd will probably continue until after midnight, to enable strangers to catch late trains.

The stations of the Long Island Railroad both in Manhattan and Brooklyn were alive with activity yesterday. The various entrances to the Hudson tubes were swamped with Jersey shoppers. At the Thirty-third Street entrance the crowd was so dense that traffic moved only by inches.

# Crowds Rally Armistice Day

Even the suburbs felt the pressure of holiday traffic. Cars were filled with their normal capacity and pyramids of parcels made standing difficult to catch late trains.

Fleets of taxis, yellow, gray and black, were kept busy on Fifth Avenue and along Broadway to speed shoppers to department stores before closing time. More pedestrians filled the streets yesterday than on any other day since the armistice was declared.

# 4 Held in Gaming Raids

## 27 Discharged After Police Visit Suspected Places

Detectives and patrolmen raided the Active Republican Club, 136 West Forty-fourth Street, yesterday, and arrested John Brockhauser, 524 West Forty-fourth Street, Frederick Oberhauser, 353 West Forty-fourth Street, and John Kelly, 159 West Sixty-second Street. The last named is charged with maintaining a gambling resort and the first two with frequenting the place. Twenty-seven others arrested in the raid were discharged by Magistrate Peter A. Hattig in West Side Court. Those dismissed were charged with disorderly conduct.

Richard Manden, 215 West Ninety-second Street, charged with gambling, also was held in \$500 bail by Magistrate Hattig. Manden, who is a real estate dealer, was arrested yesterday by detectives of Chief Inspector Lacey's staff in a general raid on alleged gambling houses.

# U. S. Rewards Policemen

## \$1,000 Each to 3 Who Aided in Mail Bandits' Capture

Detective Sergeants John L. O'Brien, Frederick Steat and Edward A. Kiley, of the Fifth Avenue and Broadway Squad, received checks for \$1,000 each from the Postoffice Department for their work in the arrest of the bandits responsible for the mail truck robbery at Broadway and Leonard Street on October 24, 1921, when \$2,000,000 in cash and securities was stolen. According to the rules of the Police Department, the policemen will turn over 10 per cent to the police pension fund and 15 per cent to the relief fund.

# A White Christmas

Every youngster who has written to Old Santa for a sled is praying to wake Christmas morning to find a snow-covered world. And grown-ups whose hearts are still young get a thrill as "Mother Carey picks her chickens" and sends the snowy feathers to drop softly on the old earth, covering drab streets and ugly corners and turning everything into a fairyland of sparkling diamond dust. Christmas is for remembrance—the time when to the old the past is entwined in the fragrance of Christmas greens—the time for the remembrance of those to whom Christmas belongs—Children—rich and poor, the well, the sick, the crippled. And it's the time for covering all heartaches gently as the snow covers the earth and magically hides its scars under a mantle of white.

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# Knickerbocker ICE Company

# Turkeys Down to 45c; Market Is Overloaded

## Housewives who waited till the last minute to buy their Christmas turkeys were rewarded yesterday by a further slump of 5 cents a pound, making a total drop of 10 cents a pound since Monday. The wholesale market, P. Q. Foy, food expert, said, in reviewing the situation, is so congested with birds from every part of the country that the very best are bringing 45 cents a pound. At Thanksgiving these birds brought 60 cents.

Good turkeys can be obtained at 32 to 45 cents a pound, and the best Texas birds sold for 41 cents. Medium grades are quoted at 35 to 35 cents.

# Bail Cut in Navy Theft

## 22 Men Charged in Brooklyn Free for Christmas

Federal Judge Garvin, in Brooklyn, yesterday reduced the bail of the twenty-two men arrested in connection with thefts from the Brooklyn navy base from \$5,000 each to \$1,500 each. As a result all the prisoners will be released before Christmas.

United States Attorney Ralph C. Green agreed to the bail reduction, but announced that on January 3, the date set for hearing the cases, he would move that the bail be increased to \$2,500. The Rev. John Gordon, pastor of Brown Memorial Church, Schenectady Avenue and Herkimer Street, Brooklyn, appeared in behalf of Albert Lenton, one of the twenty-two who is a Sunday school superintendent in the church.

# Santa Claus Hurt, Swears To Be Out To-morrow Night

## Knocked Off Curb, Head Cut, by Burly Unbeliever, Feels Admonishes Children To Be Good 2 Days More

There are a lot of children in Brooklyn to-day who don't believe Santa Claus will be able to make his trip with the reindeer and his big pack to-morrow night. Santa had a bad accident last night while he was talking to a lot of boys and girls standing around him at Broadway and Gates Avenue, Brooklyn.

He was standing on a box about a foot high with a red painted chimney beside him, into which passersby were asked to toss a nickel or a dime for Christmas dinners for the poor. As he was about 5 o'clock, and a jostling throng filled the sidewalk in the vicinity of the chimney, he was knocked off the curb and his head cut by a burly man who never believed in Santa Claus.

From his forehead blood streamed down, dyeing his white beard and mustache the color of his tunic. Santa was helped to his feet by Patrolman Hildebrand, who summoned an ambulance from Wyckoff Heights Hospital. Dr. Zeslin treated him for a fractured wrist and a badly cut head. As he was being taken away to the Volsteads of America, East Ninety-fourth Street, Brooklyn, who sent him out, Santa Claus cried feebly to the waiting crowd of youngsters: "Be good children a-w, and I'll see you Christmas morn'g."

Who was the Santa Claus? Why, Santa himself. Ask any of the kids.

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